

House Resolution 1124

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Burkhalter of the 50th, Collins of the 27th, Maddox of the 127th, Neal of the 1st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Emergency Management Agencies of Georgia, observing Emergency
2 Management Agency (EMA) Recognition Day, and inviting the emergency management
3 directors and coordinators to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, through a coordinated, state-wide network, emergency management services
6 professionals of Georgia respond quickly, providing life-saving services during the most
7 hazardous conditions facing Georgians; and

8 WHEREAS, both the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and local
9 emergency management agencies are ready to provide outstanding emergency assistance 24
10 hours a day seven days a week for those residents of Georgia most in need; and

11 WHEREAS, these thousands of professionals perform their lifesaving duties through a
12 complex coordinated network of emergency management responders, first responders, law
13 enforcement officials, as well as government agencies to provide one of the greatest, most
14 comprehensive, and quality emergency response efforts in the world; and

15 WHEREAS, the goal of each and every one of these individuals and services is to be ready
16 to respond regardless of the nature of the emergency event, whether it be a tornado,
17 hurricane, forest fire, or terrorist attack; and

18 WHEREAS, response readiness is achieved through a variety of critical actions including:
19 state-wide and local preparedness training; weather watch and alert; operational emergency
20 drills; efficient and effective delivery plans; predetermined emergency plans for
21 transportation of injured and potential victims; emergency system development activities;
22 public information and education; improvement of response methods; and other activities
23 related to the health and well-being of the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, emergency management agency professionals of Georgia continuously support
2 efforts to elevate the standards and training of emergency responders and coordinators and
3 have been instrumental in increasing the public's awareness of the need to be prepared in the
4 event of an emergency; and

5 WHEREAS, the Governor proclaimed February 3–9, 2008, to be Severe Weather Awareness
6 Week in Georgia, to educate Georgians about a variety of safety topics related to family
7 protection during severe weather; and

8 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that GEMA and local emergency management agencies
9 be recognized for their outstanding and courageous service to the people of this state by
10 declaring February 7, 2008, Emergency Management Agency Recognition Day.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 each director, coordinator, manager, and staff member of an emergency management agency
13 in Georgia is commended for his or her outstanding service to the people of this state and
14 Emergency Management Agency Recognition Day is being observed in honor of these
15 lifesaving professionals by inviting emergency management directors and coordinators to
16 appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of
17 the House for the purpose of being recognized by the House of Representatives.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Director of the Georgia
20 Emergency Management Agency.